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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY USSR

SUBJECT Dickson Island (CD 553.2)

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Location

1. Dickson Island (possibly a variant of Dixon Island) is located at Lat 73°31'N, Long 80°26'E. Approximately four by three miles in size, it lies near the entrance of the Yenesei Gulf at the mouth of the Yenesei River, one of the largest rivers in Siberia. The valley through which the latter flows is a major economic and political unit of Soviet Asia.

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Description

2. In 1939 the island was described as a barren expanse, having a sheltered harbor with a wharf but with an entrance admitting only boats drawing 24 feet or less. It served as a terminus and all river shipment and an important port of call for navigation from Murmansk to Vladivostok.

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Aviation and Radio Facilities

3. In 1939, weather permitting, daily flights were being made from Krasnoyarsk to Igarka (a town near the mouth of the Yenesei River enroute to Dickson Island). Beyond Igarka, there was frequent service to Dudinka and from there, less regularly, planes flew north to Dickson Island.

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4. It is not known whether there is an airfield on the island, but a competent Arctic explorer believes that construction and maintenance of such a facility appears to be readily practicable.

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5. The island contains a radio station used primarily for reporting

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